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## INTRODUCTION

### TO A YUKON ADVENTURE

If you have a taste for adventure and like driving through country almost untouched by the hand of man, then a wonderful journey awaits you along the Alaska Highway.

It's a long trip — 1,523 miles from Mile "O" at Dawson Creek, British Columbia to Fairbanks, Alaska — but the highway ranks high on the list of world renowned vacation routes. Some 1,221 miles of the road lies in Canada.

From Dawson Creek, B.C. where the road proper starts, you'll penetrate a land of mystery and enchantment. You'll drive through a densely forested Rocky Mountain region, past silent, tree-lined lakes along spruce and birch-clad river valleys where the only sign of habitation is small outposts, mining projects and highway construction camps.

It's an exciting, rugged land, rich in scenic beauty, and remote from civilization; and it's a sportsman's paradise.

For anglers, fishing in the swift running streams and in the clear icy northern lakes, is a superb sport. You may stop along the way and try your luck with fighting Arctic grayling, giant lake trout and rainbow trout; and in season the hunter will find moose, Dall sheep, bear and other big game in abundance. Non-residents require guides for Big Game hunting in the Yukon.

Key to a successful and carefree highway vacation in the Yukon is careful planning. Schedule your trip along the Highway for the period from June to October. At other times of the year you may experience extreme winter cold and during spring thaws driving is sometimes uncomfortable and difficult for a pleasure trip. The road, however, is open all year long; and it is one of the finest all-weather gravel highways in Canada. As the Alaska Highway is not paved road, dust conditions are bound to be encountered in dry weather. The road alignment, grades and sight distances are good and it is possible to average an ordinary day's driving on the Highway. You can also plan on having up to 20 hours of daylight in this country during the summer period.

Mosquitos and black flies may be encountered in some areas but if you carry a supply of some of the modern repellents they won't mar your trip in any way. It's best to remember, too, that nights in the northern mountain regions can be quite cool, even in mid-summer, so if you're planning on camping along the Highway come prepared with a set of blankets and some warm clothing.

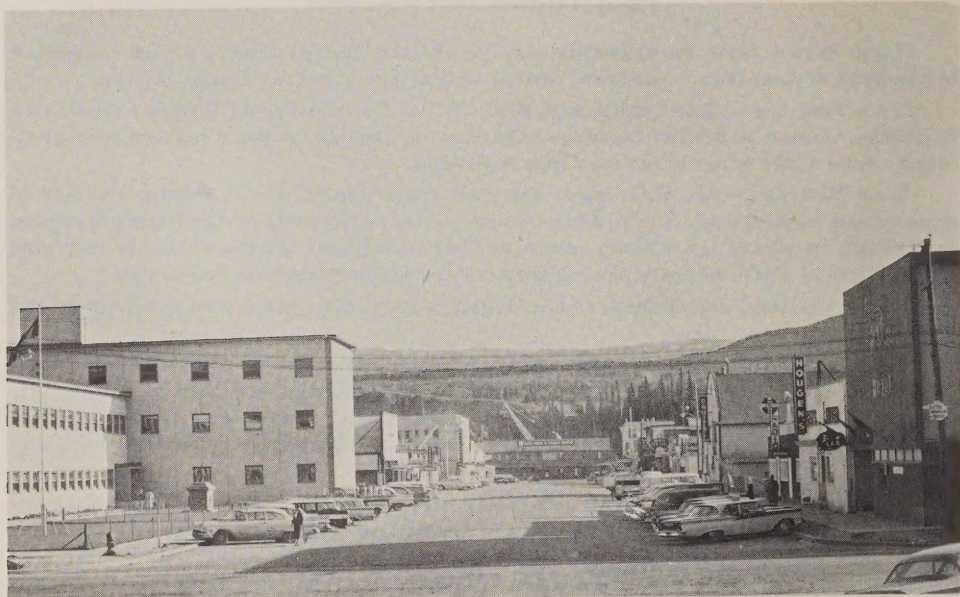
Accommodation, stores, meals, gas, oil and repairs are available at convenient stops along the entire route, and if you like to camp out there's plenty of opportunity, including 13 prepared camp-grounds with cooking and other facilities in the Yukon section.

Let's take a look at some of the exciting things to see along the Highway. At Fort Nelson, the road winds through the most northerly extension of the Rocky Mountain range, climbing to the highest point on the route at Summit Lake, Mile 392, where the elevation is 4,156 feet.

If you're a camera enthusiast, take plenty of colour film, for the scenic splendor of the Alaska Highway is perhaps unsurpassed anywhere in the world. Views of exceptional beauty may be seen at Muncho Lake in the Canadian Rockies, Teslin Lake, Mile 804, which bears the Indian word for "long" and winds for many miles along the Highway. At Mile 1064 you will see the inspiring mountain scenery around Kluane Lake, largest in the Yukon, and just 20 miles from Haines Junction the Kathleen Lakes provide the setting for one of the most beautiful scenes in the Canadian Northwest.



Whitehorse, Capital of the Yukon, and centre for communications and mining, combines the conveniences of a modern city with all the colour and excitement of a bustling frontier community. Visitors can see the unique Indian burial ground north of the city. Some of the graves are covered by small houses, in which dishes, tobacco, pipes and other items are often placed in the belief that the spirits might return.



*Main Street in Whitehorse*

In Whitehorse are five old sternwheeler steamships sitting on wooden piles in a group along the river bank. These are the last survivors of the Gold Rush Flotilla and the once heavy water-borne commerce on the Yukon River from Whitehorse downstream to Dawson and beyond. Visitors, too, can see the MacBride Museum in the city which houses an outstanding display of items collected from the Gold Rush period.

Just six miles south of Whitehorse a road leads from the Alaska Highway to Miles Canyon, a fantastic slash in the earth, where the clear green waters of the Yukon River swirl and boil past multi-coloured cliffs of volcanic rock which rise to heights of 125 feet or more. A suspension bridge across the Canyon gives visitors a chance to view the rushing waters at close range.

On the east side of the Canyon you can walk a scenic trail winding along the cliffs and follow the route of one of the most unusual tramways ever built. It was constructed in 1898 to transport supplies and equipment past the dangerous Canyon and Whitehorse Rapids, and was made entirely of wood. Wagonloads of miners' goods were transported by freight wagons which ran on wooden rails and were drawn by horses. Headquarters for this strange railway was Canyon City, built on a gentle backwater in the river just one mile above the Canyon, and the wooden rails were laid from Canyon City to Whitehorse — a distance of five miles. Traces of the rails can still be seen, and though little remains of Canyon City, you can still see the outlines of the buildings and the rock piers of an extensive dock are still in place.



An alternate route from Whitehorse to Alaska passes through Dawson City and is always a rewarding experience. The famed centre of the Klondike Gold Rush, it has many reminders of this earlier time. You'll see the Nugget Dance Hall, the Dawson Museum and the old Northwest Mounted Police Barracks. You can visit the placer workings in the Klondike River Valley, or climb the mountain known as "Midnight Dome" for a spectacular panoramic view of the region. The section of this highway from Whitehorse to Mayo and Dawson City is open year 'round but the stretch from Dawson City to Tok Junction, Alaska, is open during the summer months only.

In Dawson and Whitehorse visitors shop for such delightful handicraft items as delicate ivory carvings, jewelry fabricated from raw gold panned in nearby creeks, or unusual pieces of Indian beadwork.

The Alaska Highway has all the ingredients required for a memorable vacation - it's a journey that will take you to the top of the world.

### **Alaska Highway - Canadian Section**

Construction of the Alaska Highway, once known as the Alcan highway, began in March, 1942 as a military route and was completed in 1943. Its total length from Dawson Creek, British Columbia to Fairbanks, Alaska, is 1,523 miles, of which 1,221 miles are in Canada and 202 miles in Alaska. It is paved from Dawson Creek to the south approaches of the Peace River Bridge at approximately Mile 35. The remainder of the highway has a gravelled, all-weather surface from Dawson Creek through British Columbia and the Yukon Territory to the Yukon-Alaska Boundary. It ranks as one of the finest gravelled highways anywhere, and is open to travel throughout the year. It is operated and maintained by the Canadian Army, (Northwest Highway System) with Headquarters at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

The Alaska Highway through Canada commences at Dawson Creek, British Columbia (Mile 0.0) and enters Alaska at Mile 1221. Dawson Creek is the terminus of a Branch of the Northern Alberta Railways (495 miles from Edmonton) and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from North Vancouver (720 miles). Pacific Great Eastern's Northern Terminus is Fort St. John (at Milepost 49 Alaska Highway).

Motorists from the Pacific and Western States can drive through British Columbia over Highways 1 and 2 (97) and the John Hart Highway to Dawson Creek, a distance of approximately 762 miles from Vancouver. From Osoyoos, at the Washington State border, the distance is 775 miles.

The route from Coutts, Alberta, over Highways 4 and 2 to Dawson Creek which is 870 miles is also a good approach for motorists from the Pacific and Midwest States. Another popular route through Alberta is via newly-opened Highway 43, which starts from paved Highway 16 a short distance west of Edmonton and runs through northern Alberta connecting with Route 34 near Valleyview. The distance from Coutts to Dawson Creek via Highway 43 is about 740 miles.

Connecting highways through the Prairie Provinces offer more direct connections to motorists from the East and Central parts of the North American Continent.

### **Border Crossing Information**

Crossing the U.S.-Canadian border either way is made without difficulty or delay by permanent residents of the U.S.A. They do not require passports. To assist officers of both nations to speed the crossing, however, native-born U.S. citizens should carry identifying papers such as birth, baptismal or voter's certificate, driver's licence, or special letters. Other residents from the United States are advised to have either a Naturalization Certificate or an Alien Registration Receipt Card.

**MOTORISTS - BE SURE TO CARRY YOUR CAR REGISTRATION CARD.**

## Entry of Vehicles

Persons entering Canada with the intention of driving over the Alaska Highway are required to satisfy the examining officer at Canadian port of entry that they have sufficient funds to finance the trip. An estimation of expenses for gas and oil, daily food and lodging for the time your party is to be in Canada plus a reasonable sum for possible repairs would be a useful guide in deciding the amount needed.

Conditions for driving along the Alaska Highway and facilities along the route have improved to such an extent in recent years that Customs regulations dealing with admission of vehicles have been greatly relaxed.

When entering Canada with the intention of driving over the Alaska Highway, you should experience no difficulty at the border if you are driving a late model car in good condition. Special regulations may apply, however, if you are driving an older model vehicle or pulling a trailer.

**Motor Vehicles:** If your vehicle is over ten years old or in poor condition, you must purchase a Guarantee Bond from an authorized insurance company for presentation to Canadian Customs or as an alternative, leave with Customs a cash deposit as security for export. *Agents for Government approved bonding companies are located close to principal ports of entry into Canada.* Cost of a guarantee bond is very nominal.

**Motor Vehicle-Trailer Combinations:** An automobile or truck over five years old, pulling a trailer; or a newer model vehicle in poor condition, and likely to have a mechanical breakdown, must also be covered by a cash deposit or guarantee bond.

You will have no difficulty in towing house trailers, up to 15 feet long, along the Alaska Highway. It is suggested, however, that house trailers from 16 feet to 30 feet in length should be pulled by an automobile not lighter than the Ford-Plymouth-Chevrolet class. If your trailer is more than 30 feet in length, it is recommended that your vehicle should be equivalent in rating to at least a three-quarter ton truck, ensuring that it is equal to the task.

If your motor vehicle trailer combination is more than 60 feet long, 8 feet wide or 14 feet high, you must get a permit to travel over the Alaska Highway from Headquarters, Northwest Highway System, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, or from the Garrison Commander, Dawson Creek, British Columbia, before you begin your journey on the Highway. There is no charge for the permit.

### BAGGAGE, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Household effects, tools of trade or any items of merchandise not ordinarily classifiable as normal baggage, carried in passenger vehicles driven by the owners or in small personally-owned trailers, may be entered on a Tourist Permit and released without security.

Personal belongings, sporting equipment, radios, musical instruments, still and moving picture cameras and six rolls of film and 12 flash bulbs per person, typewriters for personal use, 50 cigars, 200 cigarettes, two pounds of tobacco, 40 ounces of alcoholic beverage, two days' food supply per person (excepting pork and pork products), and gasoline and oil for 300 miles motoring, may be brought into Canada free of duty or deposit.

Additional quantities of consumable goods such as food-stuffs may be carried in transit to Alaska free of duty provided they are brought in containers which can be easily sealed by Customs officials at port of entry.

A report inwards into Canada from Alaska and outwards from Canada into Alaska is required to be made through Canadian Customs at Snag Creek, Little Gold Creek, Old Crow, Yukon Territory or Pleasant Camp, British Columbia.

### FIREARMS - FISHING TACKLE

A visitor does not require a Federal permit to possess rifles, shotguns or fishing tackle in Canada. He must provide Customs with a description of such equipment and serial numbers of guns so that the articles may be readily cleared upon their return.



Certain restrictions governing the entry of vehicles for travel over the Alaska Highway have been removed since printing of this 1960 edition. The following now replaces the information on page 8.

Conditions for driving along the Alaska Highway have improved to such an extent in recent years that cash or guarantee bond for export are no longer required to cover admission of personally owned automobiles or house-trailer units. (Commercial vehicles must still be bonded).

Automobiles and trailers will now be admitted without payment of any duty or fee under the usual Travellers' Vehicle Permits readily obtainable at border crossing points. These permits are good for any period up to six months. You should be sure to carry your Vehicle Registration Card.

No difficulty need be expected when towing house-trailers up to fifteen feet long over the Alaska Highway. It is suggested, however, that house-trailers from sixteen feet to thirty feet in length be pulled by an automobile not lighter than the Ford-Plymouth-Chevrolet class. If your trailer is more than thirty feet in length, it is recommended that your vehicle be equivalent in rating to at least a three-quarter ton truck, thus ensuring that it is equal to the task.

If your motor vehicle-trailer combination is more than sixty feet long, eight feet wide or fourteen feet high, you must get a permit to travel over the Alaska Highway from Headquarters, Northwest Highway System, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, or from the Garrison Commander, Dawson Creek, British Columbia.

Persons entering Canada with the intention of driving over the Alaska Highway must still satisfy the examining officer at the Canadian Border that they have sufficient funds in cash, travellers' cheques, etc. to finance the trip. To help you decide the amount needed, estimate the overall driving distance and the length of time involved, expenses for gas and oil, food and lodging, and allow a reasonable sum for possible repairs.

#### BAGGAGE, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

You may bring into Canada, free of duty or deposit, personal belongings, sporting equipment, radios, musical instruments, still and moving picture cameras, six rolls of film and twelve flash bulbs per person, typewriters for personal use, 50 cigars, 200 cigarettes, two pounds of tobacco, 40 ounces of alcoholic beverage, two days' food supply per person (excepting pork and pork products), and gasoline and oil for 300 miles motoring.



Additional quantities of consumable goods such as food-stuffs, may be carried in transit to Alaska free of duty provided they are brought in containers which can be easily sealed by Customs officials at port of entry.

Your household effects, tools of trade or items of merchandise not ordinarily considered as normal baggage may be brought in on a tourist permit and released without security, if they are carried to and from Alaska in your vehicle or in a small personally-owned trailer. The traveller should have an inventory of goods in triplicate.

#### FIREARMS - FISHING TACKLE

A visitor does not require a Federal permit to possess rifles, shotguns or fishing tackle in Canada. He must provide Customs with a description of such equipment and serial numbers of guns so that the articles may be readily cleared upon leaving Canada.

Such permission does not give the right to hunt or fish. There are specific laws in all provinces which must be observed. Non-resident licences are required for each province where the visitor plans to hunt or fish. When rifles and shotguns are carried in transit, the visitor should ensure that he is familiar with the laws of the provinces through which he is travelling.

In British Columbia, non-residents carrying rifles, shotguns or fishing tackle *in transit* must have such equipment sealed by game authorities immediately after entering the Province. In Alberta, rifles and shotguns carried in transit must remain stowed in the car at all times. Fifty (50) rounds of ammunition per person are admitted duty free.

#### NOTE

Revolvers, pistols, or other prohibited weapons, the personal property of persons travelling by highway to and from Alaska through Canada, may be allowed entry without special firearm import permit, under the following regulations:

- (1) Such firearms must be placed in a separate container and sealed by Canadian Customs.
- (2) At the port of exit the seal will be removed by the Customs officer. If there is indication that it has been tampered with, the firearm will be seized.

### Provincial Approach Roads

Alberta's main highways from the United States border and from the boundaries of Saskatchewan and British Columbia are paved. There are two direct approaches from Edmonton to Dawson Creek. The shorter route via Highways 16, 43, 34, and 2 is for the most part paved. It is expected that the few remaining portions will be paved during 1960. The other approach (Highway 2) is paved to Westlock about fifty miles north of Edmonton.

The two principal approach roads through British Columbia from Vancouver and Osoyoos are paved to Summit Lake (28 miles north of Prince George); from that point there is a well maintained gravel surfaced highway to Dawson Creek. These highways are in good condition in all seasons except when unusual weather prevails.

Current road reports for Alberta and British Columbia may be obtained from the Director, Alberta Government Travel Bureau, Legislative Building, Edmonton, Alberta and from the British Columbia Travel Bureau, Victoria, B.C. respectively.

### Special Provincial Trailer Restrictions

There are no trailer restrictions on Alberta highways except in certain National Parks. There are certain restrictions on the use of trailers on the Cariboo Highway between Yale and Lytton, British Columbia (Highway No. 1). The over-all length of the automobile and the trailer must not exceed 40 feet; the gross weight of the automobile and trailer, with load, must not exceed 35,000 pounds; the width must not be greater than 8 feet.

Motorists entering British Columbia pulling trailers over these specified measurements may by-pass the Yale-Lytton Highway by driving via Hope-Princeton-Merritt and Spences Bridge (Highways No. 3, 5, and 8).

### Maximum Speed Limits on Alaska Highway

	BRITISH COLUMBIA	YUKON TERRITORY
Passenger Vehicles	50 miles per hour	50 miles per hour
Trucks	50 miles per hour	50 miles per hour
Solid Tire Vehicles	10 miles per hour	10 miles per hour
Camp areas	30 miles per hour	30 miles per hour
Passing Road Maintenance Equipment	30 miles per hour	30 miles per hour

## **Cars With Tubeless Tires**

Because of the lack of proper equipment at small establishments along the Alaska Highway, repairs for tubeless tires are generally not available. In view of this, parties travelling over the Alaska Highway with tubeless tires are advised to carry spare inner tubes. Then, if damage is done to wheel rims, the inner tube can be placed in the tire, making it possible to continue the journey.

## **Loading and Clearance Regulations**

The Gross Weight of vehicle and load shall not exceed 18,000 pounds on single axles and 32,000 pounds on tandem axles.

The overall width of vehicle and load shall not exceed 8 feet.

The overall height of vehicle and load shall not exceed 14 feet.

The overall length of any single vehicle shall not exceed 35 feet with or without load. The overall length of any combination of vehicles shall not exceed 60 feet. Semi-trailers shall not exceed 40 feet.

Not more than one trailing vehicle will be permitted attached to any towing unit.

Free permits for overweight or over-dimensional loads may be obtained en route from Garrison Commander, Dawson Creek, B.C. or from the Commander, Northwest Highway System, Whitehorse, Y.T.

A detailed loading chart may be obtained by writing the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, Ottawa, Canada.

## **Road Conditions**

Approach roads through the Provinces of Alberta and British Columbia as well as the Alaska Highway are being improved every year and most hazards of the journey have been eliminated. However, it is still a long journey.

Weather has a great influence on travelling conditions along the Alaska Highway. The following summary will give a general idea of seasonal conditions:

### **DECEMBER - JANUARY - FEBRUARY**

During these months snowfall usually averages from 10 to 15 inches a month, and the highway is generally in good condition. Hard-packed snow provides smooth driving. Below zero weather prevails at this time of the year. Precautions should be taken to have necessary clothing for protection against such weather. Automobiles should be completely winterized to withstand 60°F. below zero temperatures. Tire chains, tow-rope, shovel and means to produce fire should be brought along.

### **MARCH - APRIL - MAY**

Melting snows create icy conditions during March. Throughout the months of April and May the highway is usually poor owing to spring thaws. During this period highway maintenance authorities may find it necessary to restrict travel in certain sections. This may involve short delays until repair work can be completed by maintenance crews. In such cases warning signs are prominently displayed. The motorist is advised to drive with extra caution during these months and to carry tire chains, tow-rope and shovel.

### **JUNE - JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER**

These months are the most favourable for motoring. The days are warm with cool evenings. The road is well graded, although a long dry spell tends to make it dusty. It is suggested that a motorist, travelling at this time, carry a good spare tire, insect repellent and a basic set of car tools. It is also advisable that the underpart of the gasoline tank be protected with a piece of rubber tire or inner tube against flying gravel.

When heavy dust conditions are encountered, headlights should be used, and tail lights should be kept dirt free for better visibility.



## OCTOBER — NOVEMBER

During October and November rain, light snow, and frost cause slipperiness. Travellers should acquaint themselves with highway conditions. This information is usually posted at telephone repeater stations or highway maintenance camps en route. Chains, a container of sand, and a shovel should be carried.

Elsewhere in this booklet will be found a chart showing average monthly maximum and minimum temperatures along the Canadian section of the highway.

### HAINES HIGHWAY

The Haines Road, connecting the port of Haines, Alaska, with the Alaska Highway at a point approximately 99 miles west of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, is open to traffic during the summer period from June to October inclusive.

### WHITEHORSE — MAYO — DAWSON HIGHWAY

The section of Highway from Whitehorse to Mayo and Dawson is a good gravel road open to traffic year 'round but the stretch from Dawson City to Tok Junction, Alaska, is open during the summer season only.

### CANOL ROAD

The 146 miles of Canol Road, from the Alaska Highway to Ross River, was rebuilt and is suitable for automobile travel. There are no facilities *whatsoever* between the Alaska Highway and Ross River and only limited facilities at Ross River, i.e. a small store, some accommodation. There are no service stations along the route or at Ross River and anyone making the trip should carry sufficient gasoline and oil for the *round trip*. It would be a scenic and interesting journey but facilities are just not available.



*Museum in Dawson City*

## **Telephone and Telegraph Services**

The Northwest Communication System, operated by Canadian National Telegraphs, provides facilities for public long distance telephone and commercial telegraph services. These facilities are located at repeater stations; offices are listed with Roadside Accommodations.

Connections may be made with agencies for exchange of telegraph and telephone messages with Alaska; telegraph messages with sections of Northwest Canada; and with Edmonton for telephone and telegraph messages to or from any destination.

The Northwest Communication System also has interchange arrangements with Department of Transport facilities at Fort St. John, Beatton River, Fort Nelson, Smith River, Watson Lake, Teslin, Whitehorse, Aishihik and Snag.

## **Bus Services**

Canadian Coachways operate bus services from Edmonton, Alberta to Dawson Creek, British Columbia and over the Alaska Highway to the Yukon-Alaska border at Beaver Creek where connections are made with Alaska Motor Coaches for Fairbanks, Alaska. Yukon Coachways have a regular service from Whitehorse to Keno and to Dawson City.

Western Canadian Greyhound Lines service cities and towns from Winnipeg to the west coast. Their buses also make regular runs to Edmonton, Alberta and Prince George, British Columbia. From Prince George, Northern Stages Limited operates regularly to Dawson Creek via the John Hart Highway.

Information concerning bus schedules may be obtained from Canadian Coachways Limited, 10805 - 120th Street, Edmonton, Alberta; Western Canadian Greyhound Lines Limited, 222 - 1st Avenue, West, Calgary, Alberta; Northern Stages Limited, 1189 - 4th Avenue, Prince George, British Columbia; Alaska Motor Coaches Inc., P.O. Box 1048, Fairbanks, Alaska; and Yukon Coachways, P.O. Box 2363, Whitehorse, Y.T.

## **Administration of Natural Resources**

The administration of natural resources along the Alaska Highway falls within the jurisdiction of the various governments concerned.

Disposal of public lands in British Columbia is administered by the British Columbia Government representative at Pouce Coupe, British Columbia, or the Department of Lands and Forests, Victoria, British Columbia.

Territorial lands in Yukon Territory may be disposed of by sale, lease, or licence of occupation. Application forms and additional information on land privileges may be obtained from the Commissioner of Yukon Territory at Whitehorse, or from the Agents of Territorial Lands at Whitehorse, Dawson or Mayo, Yukon Territory.

## **Prospecting and Mining**

Any person over 18 years of age has the right, with certain reservations, to prospect and mine upon lands in Yukon Territory where the right to mine minerals has not been alienated from the Crown. The fee for recording a claim is \$10. Copies of the Yukon Quartz and Placer Mining Acts and other mining regulations may be obtained from the Commissioner of Yukon Territory at Whitehorse, or the Resources Division, Northern Administration Branch, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa, Canada. Information concerning mineral regulations for that section of the Alaska Highway situated within British Columbia is available from the Department of Mines, Victoria, British Columbia.

Information concerning natural resources along the highway in Alaska is available from the United States Department of the Interior, Juneau, Alaska.

## **Business Opportunities**

Persons planning to operate tourist camps, service stations, or other concessions along the Alaska Highway in Canada, are reminded that the tourist business, particularly in this area, is a seasonal occupation. Therefore, any such venture should be augmented by some other source of income. For additional information concerning business opportunities or licences in Yukon Territory, application should be made to the Commissioner of Yukon Territory at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory or the Territorial Secretary at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

Similar information concerning business opportunities on sites in British Columbia may be obtained from the Department of Recreation and Conservation, Victoria, British Columbia.

Persons planning to operate bus or trucking services over the Alaska Highway will be required to comply with provincial and territorial regulations. Application should be made to the Public Utilities Commission, Victoria, B.C., and to the Commissioner of Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory or to the Territorial Agent, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

There are also loading and clearance regulations which must be adhered to. Such regulations are published by the Commander, Northwest Highway System and are available from the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, Ottawa, Canada or from Headquarters, Northwest Highway System, Whitehorse Yukon Territory. Information concerning bus or trucking services on the Alaska Highway in Alaska may be obtained from the Bureau of Public Roads, Juneau, Alaska.

Motor vehicle operators desiring to become bonded carriers shall make application to the Department of National Revenue, Ottawa, Canada.

## **Fish and Game Regulations**

Fishing and hunting in the Yukon Territory are permitted under licence and during open seasons. Full information and up-to-date regulations may be obtained from the Game Department, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Information and regulations applicable to British Columbia and Alberta are available from the Director, Fish & Game Branch, Department of Recreation and Conservation, 567 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia and the Fish and Game Commissioner, Department of Lands and Forests, Edmonton, Alberta.



*View of the Alaska Highway near Mile 1180*



### **Topographical Maps**

Topographical maps — price 25¢ — may be obtained from the Map Distribution Office, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, Ottawa, Canada or from the Resident Geologist, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, Federal Building, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

### **Gasoline, Meals, Accommodation**

The price of gasoline along the Alaska Highway ranges from 42¢ to 68¢ per gallon depending on the distance and cost of haulage from main distribution centres in Canada and Alaska. Motorists are reminded that gasoline stations in Canada use the Imperial measure, which is one-fifth greater than the United States measure; hence five Canadian gallons are equal to six U.S. gallons.

American gasoline credit cards are readily accepted at affiliated stations along the highway. These stations are serviced by Standard Oil, Chevron, Imperial-Esso, B.A. and Texaco.

Prices of accommodation and food compare with those in the U.S. and main sections of Canada. In the smaller lodges a room may be obtained for \$3.50 and \$4.00 per person per night, up to \$10.00 or \$12.00 for a double room at the larger inns and hotels. Breakfast, lunch and dinner may be purchased at prices ranging from 75 cents to \$3.00.

Prices quoted above are the latest available, but may be subject to change from time to time.

### **Additional Information**

Requests for additional information concerning the section of the Alaska Highway in British Columbia should be addressed to the Department of Recreation and Conservation, Victoria, British Columbia, and for the part passing through Yukon Territory, to the Commissioner of Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

Information about travel on the Alaska Highway within Alaska may be obtained from the Bureau of Public Roads, Juneau, Alaska.



*Johnson's Crossing Bridge*

## Roadside Facilities

A list of accommodation, camp-grounds, lunch stops and roadside facilities along the highway will be found on the following pages. Travellers cannot expect assistance in matters of food or shelter from Northwest Highway System maintenance camps.

The Canadian Government has provided 13 free camp-grounds and seven lunch stops along the Alaska Highway in the Yukon Territory. These facilities are intended for the convenience of travellers who carry their food and supplies. Parking areas are convenient to cooking and kitchen shelters. Each location has fireplace, tables, good water, toilets, and available firewood. Camp-grounds have indoor cooking ranges.

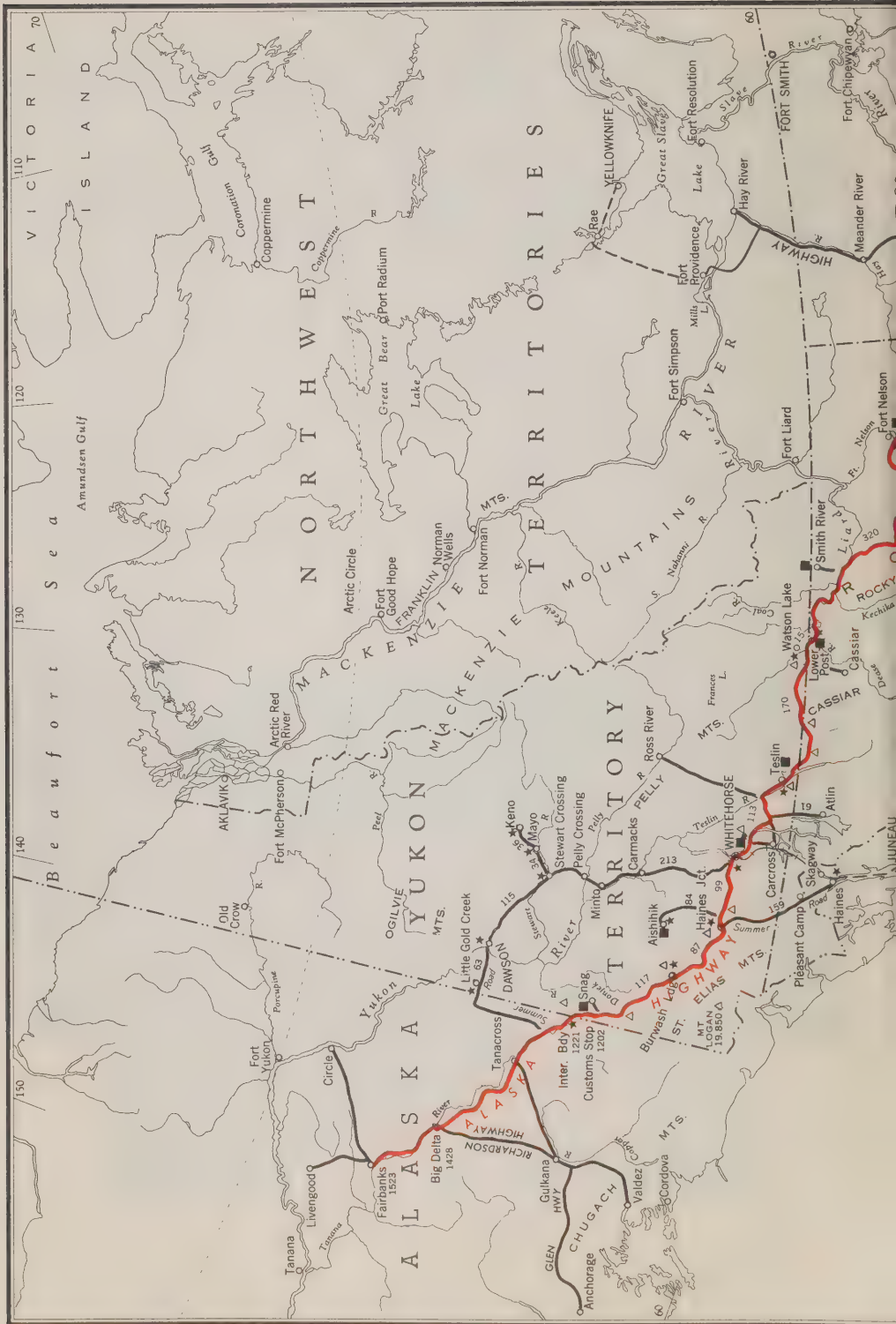
If camping in the woods at other than organized sites in British Columbia it is necessary to obtain a permit from local fire or game wardens before entering the bush.

### A NOTE TO CANADIANS. . .

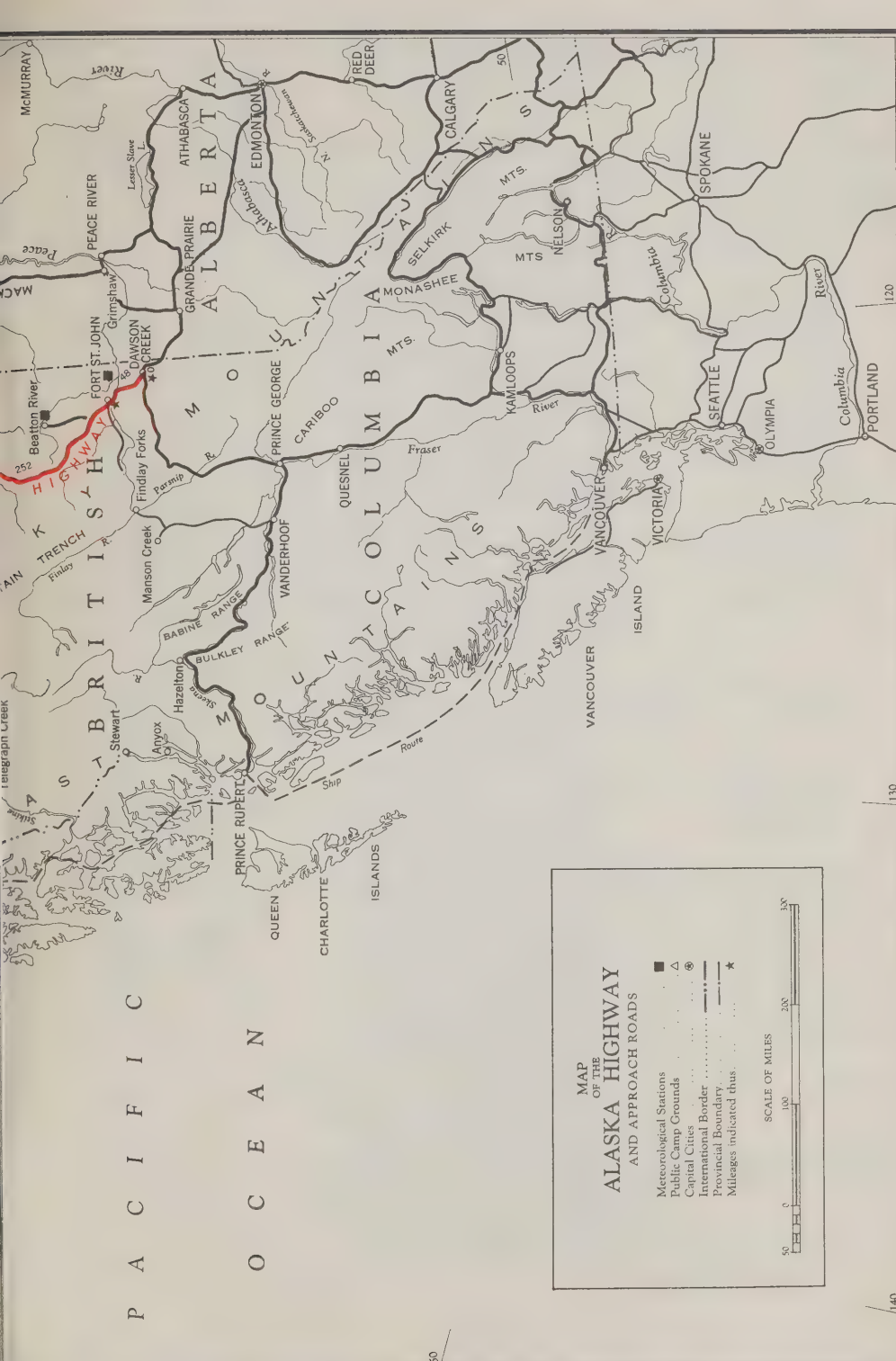
who intend to travel on the Alaska Highway. Although the border regulations included in this booklet do not apply to Canadian citizens, they are advised to observe the precautionary measures designed to facilitate their journey.



*Dawson City and the Klondike from the Midnight Dome*







## Accommodation and Roadside Facilities

Mile	Location or Establishment	Services and Facilities	Number of Persons Accom.	Telephone and/or Telegraph Service
BRITISH COLUMBIA				
0	Dawson Creek (Population 10,000)			
	Park Hotel	Accom., meals, bath showers	215	Yes
	McCutcheon's Motel	Accom. with cooking facilities	50	Yes
	Windsor Hotel		80 rooms	Yes
	Mile Zero Hotel	Accom. with private showers or baths	70	Yes
	Callison Motel	Accom., gas & oil		
	Dawson Hotel	Accom., meals	120	Yes
	Cedar Lodge Motel	Accom., some housekeeping	50	Yes
	Ranch Hotel	Accom., baths & showers, landing strip	64	Yes
	Bett's Lodge	Accom.		
	MacGregor Motel	Accom. with or without cooking facilities	40	Yes
1	Trail's Motel Ltd.	Accom., cooking facilities, store, gas & oil, minor car repairs, trailer space, postal distribution point	110	Yes
	Triway Motel & Trailer Park	Accom., housekeeping cabins, 150 trailer stalls with gas, water, electricity and sewer	44	Yes
	Farstad Motel	Accom., cooking facilities	60	Yes
	Midway Motel	Accom.		
2	We-Asku-Inn	Accom., camping & trailer space	12	Yes
16	Farmington	Postal distribution point, store, gas & oil		
35	Peace River Bridge	Meals, minor car repairs		
47	Titus Rooms	Accom., store	20	Yes
48	Pan American	Accom., cooking facilities,	12 cabins	Yes
49	Fort St. John	Meals, stores, gas & oil and repairs		Yes
	Fort St. John Hotel	Accom., rooms with bath, meals	80	Yes
	Frontier Inn	Accom., meals, bath, showers	120	Yes
52	Charlie Lake Motel	Accom., gas & oil, minor car repairs, meals		
101	Blueberry Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, car repairs, postal distribution point, camping & trailer facilities	30	Yes
136*	Black Spruce Lodge	Accom., Tent & Trailer space	14	
147	Beatton River Hotel	Accom., meals, repairs, gas & oil, store		
	Jim & Lela Anderson's (on Beatton River)	Meals, store, gas & oil, postal distribution point		

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BRITISH COLUMBIA (continued)				
	Pink Mountain Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs	27	No
171	Mason Creek Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs, store, trailer space		
200	Trutch Lodge	Accom., housekeeping cabins, meals, gas & oil, hunting and guide service, garage	36	Yes
232	Dutch Mill	Accom., gas & oil, minor car repairs		
233	Lum & Abners	Accom., gas & oil-diesel fuel, minor car repairs, meals, store	34	Yes
278	The Last Resort	Accom., meals, gas & oil, minor car repairs, trailer space	21	No
300	Fort Nelson	Stores, repairs, post office		
	Fort Nelson Hotel	Accom., meals, bath & shower	120	Yes
	Muskwa Service	Gas		Yes
	Midnight Sun Cabins	Accom., cooking facilities	12	Yes
	Avonlee Hotel	Accom., meals, car repairs, Canadian Coachways agency	60	Yes
	Star Lite Motel	Accom., meals, gas & oil, minor car repairs	32	Yes
351	Steamboat Mountain Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, car repairs		
	Summit Lake	Highest point along the highway, elevation 4,156 feet.		
392	The Summit	Accom., meals, gas & oil, car repairs, store, trailer space	30	Yes
397	Rocky Mountain Auto Court	Accom., gas & oil, minor car repairs	25	
419		Guides and outfitters		
422	Toad River Lodge Ltd.	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs, trailer space, guide service for big game	25	Yes
442	The Village Hotel-Motel	Accom., some housekeeping with showers, meals, gas & oil, repairs, store, trailer park, campground, laundry, guide services (20 horses) available for big game hunting	40	
462	Highland Glen Cabins	Accom., meals, gas & oil, store, boats and motors, guides, saddle & pack horses, dock facilities for float planes	28	Yes
	Lakeview Lodge	Accom., meals, housekeeping cab- ins, gas & oil, store, postal distri- bution point, indoor swimming pool, bus stop, fishing tackle	50	Yes



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BRITISH COLUMBIA (concluded)				
463.3 *	John and Marion's Fishing Camp	Accom., housekeeping units, hunting fishing guides and out- fitting, hunting and fishing licences, camping, trailer parking, laundry, groceries, boats	15	Yes
496	Liard River Hotel	Accom., rooms, housekeeping cabins, meals, gas & oil, minor car repairs, postal distribution point, trailer space	45	Yes
528	Dew Drop-In	Accom., meals, gas & oil, car repairs, warm storage, trailer parking		
533	Coal River Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, minor car repairs, store, camping, trailer space	30	
543	Fireside Inn	Accom., housekeeping cabins, gas & oil, repairs, welding wrecker service, trailer space with electricity, fishing licences	34	Yes
590	Contact Creek Service	Gas & oil, minor car repairs, trailer parking		
596	Iron Creek Lodge Y.T.	Accom., meals, gas & oil, minor car repairs, wreckers service, tires and tire service, heated storage, store, camping and trailer space, fishing licences	14	Yes
620	Lower Post Hotel B.C.	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs and wrecking service, warm storage, store, trailer parking space, game office, fishing licences	44	Yes
YUKON TERRITORY				
632	Watson Lake	Campground		
635	Watson Lake	Meals, gas & oil, repairs, store, post office		
	Watson Lake Hotel	Accom., meals, gas & oil	65	Yes
	Jac & Macs Hotel and cabins	Accom., meals, gas & oil, tires	30	Yes
642	Totem Pole Lodge	Meals, accom., gas & oil		
	Upper Liard Cafe	Meals, gas & oil		
674	Big Creek	Campground		
687	Transport Cafe	Accom., meals, gas & oil, minor car repairs, camping and trailer space, fishing licences	14	Yes

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YUKON TERRITORY (continued)				
710	Rancheria	Campground, accom., meals, gas & oil		Yes
	Rancheria Hotel	Accom., meals, gas & oil, car storage, minor car repairs, tires, store, fishing boat rental, guide service	34	Yes
733	Seagull Creek	Lunch stop		
733.3	Swift River Auto Camp	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs, store, warm car storage	30	
777	Morley River	Campground		
777.7	Morley River Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, store, warm car storage	30	
804	Teslin Lake Motel	Accom., meals, gas & oil, minor car repairs, towing service	22	Yes
	Nisutlin Trading Post	Gas & oil, store, postal distribution point		
813	Teslin Lake	Campground		Yes
829	Brook's Brook			Yes
836		Entrance to re-built Canol Road, 146 miles open for traffic (open only in season)		
837	Johnson's Crossing Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, diesel oil, minor car repairs, boats, fishing guide, heated car storage	35	Yes
850	Squanga Lake Lakeview Service Station	Campground Gas & oil and repairs		
865.5	Junction-Atlin Road Junction-Carcross Road	61 miles to Atlin, B.C. 33 miles to Carcross, Y.T.		
872	Judas Creek	Campground		
	*Crystal Palace Hotel	Accom., meals, gas & oil, diesel fuel, store, general repairs, trailer space	40	Yes
	*Jakes Corner Service			
883	*Marsh Lake Hunting and Fishing Lodge Ltd.	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs, hunting and fishing, boat cruisers and horse rental, guide services	40	Yes
907	Wolf Creek	Campground		
910	McCrae Inn	Accom., meals, gas & oil, diesel fuel, minor car repairs, trailer space, warm car storage	25	Yes
918	Whitehorse	Accom., meals, gas & oil, store, repairs, post office	300	Yes
925	Junction Mayo-Dawson Road	225 miles to Mayo - 335 miles to Dawson City		

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YUKON TERRITORY (continued)				
967	Mendenhall Creek	Campground		
987	Krak-R-Krick Inn	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs, store	25	
988	Cracker Creek	Lunch stop		
996	Canyon Creek	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs	30	Yes
1013	Pine Creek	Campground		
1016	Junction Haines Rd.	Approx. 135 miles to Haines, Alaska, general store		
	Brewster's Lodge and Service	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs, hunting, guide service, trailer space	24	Yes
	Haines Junction Inn	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs	5 rooms 21 cabins	Yes
1022	Mackintosh Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, store, minor car repairs, trailer and camping space	22	Yes
1038	Sulphur Lake	Lunch stop		
1054	Silver Creek Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, store, heated garage	13 rooms	Yes
1064	Kluane Lake	Campground		
1075	Kluane Lake	Lunch stop		
1083	Destruction Bay Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, store, warm car storage	20	Yes
1093	Burwash Lodge	Accom., meals, store, gas & oil, minor car repairs, trailer space, fishing facilities, boat rental	70	Yes
	Jacquot Bros.	Guide services		
1095	Joe's Airport Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs, warm car storage	40	Yes
1105	Burwash Flats	Campground		
1128	Bradley's Mountain View	Accom., meals, gas & oil, towing service		Yes
1152	Lake Creek	Campground		
1167	Rover's Inn	Gas & oil, minor car repairs		Yes
1169	White River Lodge	Accom. with bath, meals, gas & oil, repairs and towing service, store, trailer space	10 rooms 4 cabins	Yes
1200	Beaver Creek Livesey's Hi-way Service	Store, Gas & oil, towing service, tire repairs (tubeless)		Yes
1202	Beaver Creek Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs, warm storage, Canadian	70	Yes
1202	Immigration & Customs Office	Hours - 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.		
1213	Mirror Creek	Campground		



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YUKON TERRITORY (concluded)				
1221	Canada-Alaska Boundary	Whitehorse-Mayo-Dawson Highway		
35	Fox Lake	Campground		
103	Carmacks	Accom., store, meals, gas & oil	10	
	Taylor & Drury	General Store		
142.4	Midway Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, post office, store		
168	Pelly River Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, garage, boats, big game and fishing guide services	7	
213	Stewart Crossing Lodge	Meals, gas & oil, rooms, cabins		
	Junction Mayo Rd.	34 miles to Mayo		
	Junction Dawson Rd.	122 miles to Dawson City		
		Haines Road		
42		Canadian Immigration & Customs		
125	Dezadeash Lodge	Accom., meals, gas & oil, repairs, fishing facilities, boat rentals		
143.2	Kathleen Lake	Lunch stop, suitable for camping		

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	Fort St. John	Beaton River	Fort Nelson	Smith River	Watson Lake	Teslin	Whitehorse	Aishihik	Snag
January	12 -5	5 -14	2 -14	0 -23	2 -17	6 -10	13 -3	5 -17	-9 -29
February	16 -1	14 -6	8 -11	11 -13	10 -13	14 -5	16 -2	13 -12	4 -22
March	30 12	28 7	31 6	29 1	29 1	30 8	31 12	26 -3	25 -7
April	46 27	39 18	47 23	40 16	43 20	40 21	41 22	36 13	40 12
May	61 40	58 35	62 39	59 33	58 34	56 31	57 34	53 29	58 32
June	68 46	64 42	70 47	67 41	68 44	65 40	67 43	63 38	67 41
July	72 50	69 45	74 50	70 44	70 47	68 44	67 45	66 42	70 45
August	70 47	66 43	71 46	66 41	67 43	64 41	65 43	62 38	65 39
September	62 41	58 36	61 38	56 34	56 36	55 35	55 37	52 31	53 30
October	47 31	44 25	44 26	41 23	41 26	41 27	41 28	37 18	33 14
November	26 13	24 8	15 2	18 2	16 1	23 11	21 8	17 -1	7 -11
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




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